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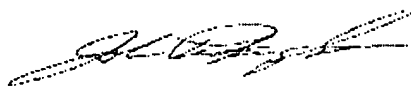
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Response To Office Action

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2006 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before Monday, September 25, 2006 (September 23 being a Saturday), this Response is timely filed. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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